

## Thesis Statements

One Option:

\_\_\_\_\_ shows \_\_\_\_\_

In the short story “\_\_\_\_\_” Louis L’Amour uses

(an element or device from the story) to show (a theme).

In the short story “War Party” Louis L’Amour

uses the protagonist, Ma, to show that during Westward Expansion

actions spoke louder than words.

Another option:

\_\_\_\_\_ shows \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_. (3-part thesis)

(An element or device from the story) shows (3 specific effects)

In the short story "War Party" by Louis L'Amour the historical setting of Westward Expansion creates conflict with a constant threat of Indian attack, the impending winter, and the shortage of supplies.

Another Option: Definition

\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

(a character, the story itself, the actions) is/are (a definition)

Examples:

In the short story “War Party” by Louis L’Amour, Ma is a feminist.

The short story “War Party” by Louis L’Amour is a Bildungsroman

The conch in *Lord of the Flies* represents democracy.

